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AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the medical care facilities proposed to be made available to every citizen for achieving the targets of `Health for All` programme ;and

(b) the status of medical care facilities available to citizens at present vis-a-vis the targets of Health for All` programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (b): According to the 1983 National Health Policy, the Government was committed to achieve the goal of `Health for All` by 2000 AD through the universal provision of comprehensive primary healthcare services.. Significant strides have been made in terms of the development of health infrastructure and achievement of select indicators like IMR, MMR, CBR, CDR etc. A decentralized public health system, ensuring a more equitable access to health services, vast network of infrastructure, increased facilities under the State Health System projects being implemented in selected States with World Bank assistance are all geared towards addressing the growing medical requirements. Further, with a view to removing regional imbalances and availability to tertiary health facilities and quality health care education, 6 AIIMS like institutions are being set up in the under-served areas of the country and another 7 institutions will be upgraded to that level.